

## ON $\alpha$ -OPEN SETS IN A TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research article is to explain the meaning of  $\alpha$ -open sets, which would be more understandable to the readers.

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### I. TOPOLOGICAL SPACE:

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A class  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of  $X$  is a topology on  $X$ , iff  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies the following axioms,

- (i)  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  belong to  $\mathcal{F}$
- (ii) The union of any numbers of sets in  $\mathcal{F}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{F}$
- (iii) The intersection of any two sets in  $\mathcal{F}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{F}$

The members of  $\mathcal{F}$  are then called  $\mathcal{F}$ -open sets (or open sets) and pair  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is called a topological space.

### II. INTERIOR OF SET:

Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . Any point  $p \in A$  is said to be interior of  $A$ , if  $p$  belongs to an open set  $G$  contained in  $A$ , i.e.  $p \in G \subset A$ . The set of interior points of  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{int}(A)$  or  $A^\circ$ , which is called the interior of  $A$ .

### III. CLOUSER OF SET:

Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . The closure of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all closed super sets of  $A$ . The Closure of  $A$  is denoted by  $Cl(A)$  or  $\overline{A}$ .

### IV. $\alpha$ -OPEN SET (AND $\alpha$ -CLOSED SET):

Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$ , then  $A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -open set if  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$ . Complement of  $\alpha$ -open set is called  $\alpha$ -closed set, such that,  $A^{\circ\circ} \subseteq A$ .

Now, Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  be a non-empty set and

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b, c\}, \{d, e, c\}, \{d, e\}, \{c\}\}$$

is a collection of subset of  $X$ .

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$$(i) \phi, X \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$(ii) \phi \cup X = X \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$X \cup \{a, b, c\} = X \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\{a, b, c\} \cup \{d, e\} = \{a, b, c, d, e\} = X \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\{d, e\} \cup \{c\} = \{d, e, c\} \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\{c\} \cup \{d, e, c\} = \{d, e, c\} \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$(iii) \phi \cap X = \phi \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$X \cap \{a, b, c\} = \{a, b, c\} \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\{a, b, c\} \cap \{d, e\} = \phi \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\{d, e\} \cap \{c\} = \phi \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\{c\} \cap \{d, e, c\} = \{c\} \in \mathcal{T}$$

Here, we see that all three conditions for topological space are satisfied, it means that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology on  $X$ .

Now, we have all possible subsets of  $X = 2^5 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 32$ , which are given below.

$X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{d, e\}, \{a, e\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{b, e\}, \{c, e\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, e\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, c, e\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{b, c, e\}, \{c, d, e\}, \{d, e, a\}, \{d, e, b\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, e\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, \{c, e, d, a\}, \{d, e, a, b\}$

## B. VERIFICATIONS OF $\alpha$ -OPEN SETS:

As given,  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

And  $\mathcal{T} = \{\phi, X, \{a, b, c\}, \{d, e\}, \{c\}, \{d, e, c\}\}$

So that we have

**Open sets:**  $\phi, X, \{a, b, c\}, \{d, e\}, \{c\}, \{d, e, c\}$

**Closes sets:**  $X, \phi, \{d, e\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d, e\}, \{a, b\}$

Now as per definition of  $\alpha$ -open set, here we are verifying for all (32) subsets of  $X$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ , then

(i) Let  $A = \phi$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(ii) Let  $A = X$ , so that  $X^{\circ\circ} = X$

Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set)

(iii) Let  $A = \{a\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(iv) Let  $A = \{b\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{b\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(v) Let  $A = \{c\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ} = \{c\}$

Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(vi) Let  $A = \{d\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{d\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(vii) Let  $A = \{e\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{e\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(viii) Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a, b\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(ix) Let  $A = \{b, c\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{b, c\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(x) Let  $A = \{c, d\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{c, d\}^{\circ\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ} = \{c\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xi) Let  $A = \{d, e\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ} = \{d, e\}$

Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xii) Let  $A = \{a, e\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a, e\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xiii) Let  $A = \{a, c\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a, c\}^{\circ\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xiv) Let  $A = \{a, d\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a, d\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

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Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xvii) Let  $A = \{c, e\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{c, e\}^{\circ\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

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Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xix) Let  $A = \{a, b, d\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a, b, d\}^{\circ\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi^{\circ} = \phi$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

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Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

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Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxiii) Let  $A = \{b, c, d\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{b, c, d\}^{\circ\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxiv) Let  $A = \{b, c, e\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{b, c, e\}^{\circ\circ} = \{c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxv) Let  $A = \{c, d, e\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{c, d, e\}^{\circ\circ} = \{c, d, e\}^{\circ} = X^{\circ} = X$

Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxvi) Let  $A = \{d, e, a\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e, a\}^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ} = \{d, e\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxvii) Let  $A = \{d, e, b\}$ , so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e, b\}^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ} = \{d, e\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxviii) Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a, b, c, d\}^{\circ\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{-\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxix) Let  $A = \{a, b, c, e\}$ ,

so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{a, b, c, e\}^{\circ\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{-\circ} = \{a, b, c\}^{\circ} = \{a, b, c\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxx) Let  $A = \{b, c, d, e\}$ ,

so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{b, c, d, e\}^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e, c\}^{-\circ} = X^{\circ} = X$

Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxxi) Let  $A = \{c, e, d, a\}$ ,

so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{c, e, d, a\}^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e, c\}^{-\circ} = X^{\circ} = X$

Hence  $A \subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e.  $\alpha$ -open set).

(xxxii) Let  $A = \{d, e, a, b\}$ ,

so that  $A^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e, a, b\}^{\circ\circ} = \{d, e\}^{-\circ} = \{d, e\}^{\circ} = \{d, e\}$

Hence  $A \not\subseteq A^{\circ\circ}$  (i.e. NOT  $\alpha$ -open set).

Therefore, we have 9,  $\alpha$ -open sets, which are the subsets of the set  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

## V. CONCLUSION:

Here we find 9,  $\alpha$ -open sets out of 32 subsets of  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  with  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b, c\}, \{d, e\}, \{c\}, \{d, e, c\}\}$  as given below:

$\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{d, e\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{c, d, e\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, \{c, e, d, a\}$ , Total: 09.

Also, it is easy to understand that other 23 subsets of  $X$ , are NOT  $\alpha$ -open sets of the topological space  $(X, \mathcal{J})$ .

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